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In re

International Application of

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Method for Calibrating a Camera in a Colour Monitoring System

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fees.

IN THE CLAIMS

Substitute the following claims for the corresponding numbered claims in the application.

- 3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of establishing offset is carried out whenever an image capture operation for capturing a desired image to be monitored is to be carried out.
- 4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein setting the point of zero light intensity is achieved by closing the camera iris.
- 5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein setting the point of zero light intensity is achieved by setting the camera to monitor a black image, or a black part of an image field of the camera.